

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 390
By Fraley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Cheyne Ryan Stewart for his recognition as a finalist in *The Tennessean's* fourth annual "Top 40 Under 40" and for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Cheyne Ryan Stewart, an eighteen-year-old senior at Franklin County High School, who has been chosen as a finalist in *The Tennessean's* fourth annual "Top 40 Under 40" contest. Individuals chosen as finalists in this prestigious contest are selected for their accomplishments in their community from among hundreds of nominees in two rounds of judging by community leaders; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Winchester, Tennessee, Cheyne is no stranger to accolades; he has received recognition in *Who's Who Among American High School Seniors* and has been honored with the Prudential Spirit Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his strong academic standing at Franklin County High School, Cheyne has been involved in numerous extra curricular activities, including the Swim team, the Cross County team, the Rebel Newspaper Staff, the NASA Moonbuggy team, the Key Club, DECA, VICA, his school's spirit group, the Dog Pound, and a Leadership Class which reads to students at Cowan Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, even with these many school involvements, Cheyne Stewart still finds time to lend his talents to the essential office of Youth Mayor of Winchester; and

WHEREAS, as the prominent and productive Youth Mayor of Winchester, this exceptional young man has helped plan and develop a twenty-seven member mayor's youth

committee and has led this noble group in completing numerous citywide projects, including spring and fall youth festivals featuring a battle of bands, beauty pageants, cemetery cleanups, Christmas food basket deliveries, and a restoration of a Frisbee golf course; and

WHEREAS, the youngest finalist chosen for the “Top 40 Under 40,” Mr. Stewart’s great vision and insight has led to the development of many innovative projects to which the mayor’s youth committee will devote its collective energies and abilities, including securing a skate park for Winchester, building a downtown amphitheater and park, and working to replace basketball goals at Winchester City Park. The committee also plans to tackle the noteworthy project of renovating an old service station into a welcome center and space for programs for at-risk students; and

WHEREAS, along with his many school involvements and his outstanding leadership activities as Youth Mayor, Cheyne has still found time to participate in the affairs of his community as a member of the Winchester Stingray Swim team for three years, as a member in the Franklin County Leadership Program which awarded him the Youth Leadership Spirit Award, and as a participant in the 2004 Democratic National Convention where he was a Presidential Scholar to the Presidential Youth Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable individual also manages to work two jobs during an already hectic schedule; he serves as a lifeguard and swimming instructor at the Winchester Swimplex and works in every capacity for the Montana Drive-In; and

WHEREAS, Cheyne is a dedicated and faithful member of the Trinity Episcopal Church where he contributes his talents in numerous ways. One year, he worked many hours on a volunteer basis to construct a replica of Bethlehem for a walk-through Bethlehem Christmas program at his church; and

WHEREAS, Cheyne Stewart epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Cheyne Stewart is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Cheyne Stewart for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Cheyne Ryan Stewart for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and his recognition as a finalist in *The Tennessean's* fourth annual "Top 40 Under 40" and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.